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TOURISM AND CULTURE
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DECLARATION OF UDAYAGIRI AS HERITAGE SITE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Udayagiri in Jajpur district of Orissa has been declared as a heritage site; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to include Udayagiri in the Buddhist circuit in order to attract tourists?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) Udayagiri an excavated site containing stupas, monasteries, chaitiyas and other structures which have established it as one of the prominent Buddhist sites in district Jajpur of Orissahas been declared as monument of national importance under the provisions of section 4 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.The conservation, preservation, maintenance and environmental development of centrally protected monuments is a continuous process which attracts more tourists. During the year 2002, as many as 1,49,416 Indians and 1530 foreigners have visited the Excavated Site at Udayagiri in the District of Jajpur in Orissa.

Udayagiri is 8 km away from Ratnagiri and 15 km from Lalitgiri making it a Buddhist triangle.